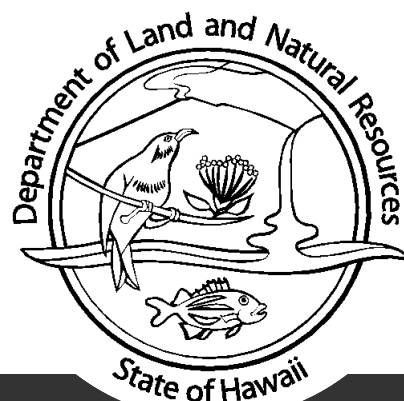


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ARCHAEOLOGISTS SHARE HAWAII'S PAST

Opportunities to learn more about Hawai'i's past highlight the 6th annual Hawai'i Archaeology Week, April 15-22, 2000. During this week, the public is invited to participate in a number of walking tours statewide that cover a wide range of archaeological sites, including heiau, petroglyphs, village sites, and agricultural field systems. Or you can attend a talk to learn more about current archaeological research. Through these activities, archaeologists will share Hawai'i's unique cultural sites and seek the public's assistance with the preservation of Hawai'i's archaeological resources.

Hawai'i Archaeology Week seeks to promote public awareness and understanding of Hawaiian archaeology, and preservation of Hawai'i's unique archaeological resources. Archaeological sites are important pieces of Hawai'i's past and clues to a better understanding of Hawai'i's cultural history. But these sites are fragile resources that can be easily damaged or destroyed. Respect and protection for these sites is the key message of Archaeology Week.

Hawai'i Archaeology Week 2000 is organized and sponsored by the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, the National Park Service, and the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology. All lectures and most field trips are free and open to the public thanks to the generous support of Hawai'i's parks, museums, historical societies, and University of Hawai'i. Assistance with the various events is being provided by the following co-sponsors listed by island:

Hawai'i Island: Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden (Kona), Ho'oulu Lahui and Lanikila Learning Center (Hilo), Lyman Museum (Hilo), and University of Hawai'i-Hilo

Kaua'i: National Tropical Botanical Garden (Limahuli Garden), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Kilauea Point Refuge)

Maui: Bailey House Museum, National Tropical Botanical Garden (Kahanu Garden), State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

O'ahu: Bishop Museum, Hawai'i Army National Guard, Kane'ohe Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, University of Hawai'i-Manoa, and Washington Place (Governor and Mrs. Cayetano)

A free brochure may be obtained by calling the Division of State Parks at (808) 587-0287.

A schedule of events is now available on several websites:

State Department of Land and Natural Resources:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/hpd/hpgreeting.html>

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dsp/dsp.html>

Society for Hawaiian Archaeology:

<http://db1.bishopmuseum.org/sha/Index.htm>

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To learn more about DLNR and its programs, look on the Web at: www.state.hi.us/dlnr/Welcome.html

The activities being presented for Hawai'i Archaeology Week 2000 offer several opportunities to learn about current restoration of Hawai'i's cultural sites and how archaeological research can assist in expanding our knowledge of Hawaiian cultural history. Lectures and field trips offer an opportunity to explore sites through the eyes of an archaeologist.

SPOTLIGHT ON KAUA'I

LECTURE

Thursday, April 20 -- 7 p.m. -- Archaeology of Hanalei, presented by Dr. Paul Cleghorn, at Hanalei Elementary School cafeteria. Cleghorn will summarize the 70 years of archaeological research conducted in Hanalei Valley and reconstruct the environmental setting, settlement patterns, and traditional uses of Hanalei. Sponsored by U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Kilauea Point Refuge.

FIELD TRIPS

Two field trips will share current restoration projects at historic sites on Kaua'i where archaeological research has been initiated:

Thursday, April 20 -- 9:30 -11:30 a.m. -- Restoration of lo'i kalo (taro terraces) along Limahuli Stream in Haena. Field trip begins from the parking lot at Ha'ena State Park. DLNR archaeologists Nancy McMahon and Martha Yent, along with Chipper Wichman of Limahuli Garden will point out the features of the agricultural field system that have been mapped and excavated in recent months, including the lo'i (terraces), 'auwai (irrigation ditches), and house sites. Restoration of the lo'i kalo is being planned on both sides of Limahuli Stream by the Garden and the Division of State Parks. For information call Limahuli Garden at 826-1053.

Friday, April 21 -- 9 a.m. -- Restoration of Malae Heiau within Wailua River State Park. State Parks archaeologist, Martha Yent, will share the archaeological work that has been conducted, and plans for the restoration project in conjunction with Na Kahu Hikinaakala, curators of the the heiau sites of Wailua River State Park. Malae is the largest existing heiau on Kaua'i, with large walls that enclose a 2-acre area. A volunteer project is currently underway to clear this heiau of vegetation so that archaeologists can accurately map and document the site for future restoration, interpretation, and visitation. Participants should park and meet along the Marina Road at 9 a.m. For information contact Martha Yent at 274-3141, ex. 70287

SPOTLIGHT ON MAUI

FIELD TRIPS

Wednesday, April 19 -- 10 a.m. -- Four-hour walking tour of the historic sites of Kahikinui, led by archaeologists Patty Conte and Valerie Nakahara of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Meet at St. Ynez Church in Kahikinui on Piilani Highway. This tour is co-sponsored by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Bailey House Museum. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, and walking shoes. Contact: Patty Conte, 243-5836.

Monday, April 17 through Thursday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about site restoration, then a visit to Pi'ilanihale Heiau at Kahanu Garden in Hana is for you. Pi'ilanihale is the largest heiau in the Hawaiian Islands and consists of a massive stone platform built atop a natural a'a hill. A self-guided tour of the garden with viewing of the recently restored Pi'ilanihale Heiau, is available. This event is co-sponsored by the National Tropical Botanical Garden and admission is free if you mention Archaeology Week. Contact: Pake Tolentino, 248-8912.

SPOTLIGHT ON O'AHU

LECTURE

Monday, April 17 -- 7 p.m. -- Kaniakapupu: Summer Home of Kamehameha III -- by Dr. Susan Lebo of Bishop Museum and Dr. James Bayman of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. At Atherton Halau, Bishop Museum. This talk will discuss the preliminary results of the work conducted at Kaniakapupu in 1999 by the University's archaeological field school. This project in historic archaeology has been co-sponsored by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and Bishop Museum.

FIELD TRIPS

Monday, April 17 -- 1 - 4 p.m. -- Walking/driving tour of the archaeological sites at Kane'ohe Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, including Nu'upia Fishpond, sand dune sites, and Ulupa'u Crater, led by archaeologist June Cleghorn. Reservations are recommended (limited to 30). Meet at the main gate of MCBH at 1 p.m. with valid driver's license, registration, and insurance for vehicles. Contact: Muffet Jourdane, 692-8027.

Friday, April 21 -- 10 a.m. - 12 noon -- Tour of Batteries Harlow and 407 at Diamond Head Crater, led by Wendy Tolleson, archaeologist with Hawai'i Army National Guard. These military features were built as part of the coastal defense system of southeastern O'ahu and are part of the Fort Ruger Historic District. Guns at Battery Harlow (1906) and Battery 407 (1943) were aimed to fire from Diamond Head Crater at ships off-shore. Meet at Battery Harlow, near the intersection of Makapuu and Monsarrat Ave. at 10 a.m. For information and reservations, contact Wendy Tolleson, 733-4272 or Debbie McKinney, 733-4267.

Saturday, April 22 -- 9 a.m. to 12 noon -- Walking/driving tour of archaeological sites of Kawainui Marsh in Kailua, including Ulupo Heiau, a konohiki housesite, and the sites of Kukanono. Archaeologist Conrad Erkelens leads this tour. Meet at Ulupo Heiau by the Windward YMCA at 9 a.m. Mosquito repellent recommended. For more information, contact Muffet Jourdane, 692-8027.

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 22 -- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - open house on grounds of Washington Place, hosted by Jim Bartels, Washington Place curator. This open house will include archaeological excavations being conducted by the Division of State Parks archaeologists to locate features recorded prior to the construction of Washington Place, circa 1846. For more information, contact Jim Bartels at 586-0157.

SPOTLIGHT ON HAWAII

LECTURES IN HILO

Tuesday, April 11 -- 7 p.m. -- "Kaheka: An Archaeological Tour," kick-off talk for Hawai'i Archaeology Week on Hawai'i Island, in the Visitor Center Auditorium at Volcanoes National Park. This talk will be presented by Jennifer Waipa, archaeologist with the National Park Service at Volcanoes National Park.

Series at Lyman House Museum:

Tuesday, April 18 -- "The Life and Times of John Young" by author Emmett Cahill

Wednesday, April 19 -- "Recent Excavations at the John Young Homestead," by archaeologist Dr. Peter Mills, University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Mills will share recent research conducted at the John Young Homestead site in Kawaihae.

Thursday, April 20 -- "The Archaeological Landscape of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park" by Laura Schuster, National Park Service archaeologist at Volcanoes National Park.

The National Park Service staff will lead several tours to archaeological sites in Volcanoes National Park throughout the week. Please call the park at (808) 985-6011 or (808) 985-6133 for reservations and information. It is recommended that participants wear sturdy shoes, bring water and snacks, and be prepared for unpredictable weather.

Monday, April 17 -- 10 a.m. - 12 noon -- Tour of Pu'uloa led by Kupono McDaniel. Meet at Puuloa Trailhead along Chain of Craters Road.

Tuesday, April 18 -- 9 a.m. - 12 noon -- Tour of ancient footprints in lava, led by Jade Moniz-Nakamura. Meet at Kau Desert Trailhead on Highway 11.

Wednesday, April 19 -- 9: a.m. - 12 noon -- Tour of Kealakomo led by Warren Costa. Meet at Holei pullout along Chain of Craters Road.

Thursday, April 20 -- 9 a.m. - 12 noon -- Tour of Kaheka led by Jennifer Waipa. Meet at end of Chain of Craters Road.

Friday, April 21 -- 9 - 11 a.m. -- Tour of Pahula to Steam Vents led by Terry Reveira. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Saturday, April 22 -- 9 a.m. - 12 noon -- Tour of Puna Coast Trail led by Andrea Kaawaloa. Meet at Twenty Minutes pullout, past 17 mile marker on Chain of Craters Road.

OTHER HILO FIELD TRIPS

Wednesday, April 19 -- 10:30 a.m. -- A special field trip is being co-sponsored by Ho'oulu Lahui and the Lanakila Learning Center to their project site in Puna. These students have been working with archaeologist Marc Smith of the State Historic Preservation Division, to identify and record the archaeological sites in the Pualaa Habitation Complex. The students will lead a walking tour of this coastal fishing settlement. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Ahalanui County Park, about 3 miles south of Kapoho. Bring comfortable walking shoes and mosquito repellent. Call: Marc Smith, (808) 933-0482 and Keikialoha Kekipi, (808) 965-7443.

KONA FIELD TRIPS

Wednesday, April 19 -- 1 p.m. -- "The Planters -- The People and Plants of Traditional Hawaiian Farming in Kona," walking tour of the Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden. Peter Van Dyke will discuss early agricultural practices and introduce many of the plants grown and used by the inhabitants of South Kona. The entry fee is waived for this Archaeology Week event. Call: (808) 323-3318

Thursday, April 20 -- 9 - 11 a.m. -- Walking tour of Ki'ilae Village in Pu'u'honua o Honaunau National Historical Park. Peggy Nelson, National Park Service archaeologist, will lead the tour. Meet at the Park Visitor Center at 9 a.m. There is a \$2.00 entry fee to the park for this tour. Call: Peggy Nelson, (808) 328-2326.

Friday, April 21 -- 9 - 11 a.m. -- Walking tour of archaeological sites in the coastal strand of the Honokohau ahupua'a within Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park. Stan Bond, National Park Service archaeologist will lead the tour. Meet in the new parking area, about 0.5 mile north of Honokohau Harbor, at 9 a.m. for this 2-hour walking tour. Call: Stan Bond, (808) 328-6881, ext. 6.

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